



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 16, 2008, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisor Knabe:

“Senate Bill (SB) 1953, the Hospitals Facilities Seismic Safety Act, requires all California hospitals to meet specific earthquake safety standards by January 1, 2013.

“Unfortunately, many hospitals are having difficulty meeting these standards due to lack of funding. When passed by the legislature, this bill contained no funding or financial assistance.

“The current cost estimate to comply with SB 1953 is \$24 billion Statewide. Many hospitals face significant additional costs to borrow funding for land acquisition and other associated costs. Many hospitals in Los Angeles County are facing severe financial pressures and will have difficulty meeting these new standards.

“My concern is that many hospitals will not be able to raise the funds necessary to comply with SB 1953 which would further cripple our fragile healthcare system since noncompliant hospitals would either have to reduce services or close their doors.

“I want to be clear in my support for improved earthquake standards; however, it appears to me that some of these deadlines cannot realistically be achieved.”

Jaime Garcia, representing the Hospital Association of Southern California, and Arnold Sachs addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Yaroslavsky, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer to report back in 60 days on the overall status of compliance in Los Angeles County as it relates to the standards required in Senate Bill (SB) 1953 (Alquist), the Hospitals Facilities Seismic Safety Act, which requires all California Hospitals to meet specific earthquake safety standards by January 1, 2013; and
2. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer and the Interim Director of Health Services to report back with legislative recommendations to ensure existing access to patient care continues.

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